

Good News!

May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17, 1 Pt 3:15–18, Jn 14:15–21

Jesus promised he wouldn't leave us orphans. As a good shepherd, he was concerned that he would eventually have to leave his sheep. How would he care for them while he was away preparing a place for them? He promises to pray to the Father for an advocate who would be with us always. We are entrusted to an advocate who cares for us until Christ returns.

That advocate is Jesus' very Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. The apostles understood this. That's why their first order of business after baptizing a new believer was to place hands on him or her and pray for the Holy Spirit to come down and confirm the new believer with his gifts. They knew this was essential since it was Jesus' way of staying close to his believers.

This Spirit, which we received at baptism and whose gifts we more actively embraced at confirmation, is a friendship we absolutely need to cultivate. Its inspirations are constantly present, and listening to them is key to maturing as disciples. Who wouldn't want to have direct access to the heart and power of Jesus? Who wouldn't want to have the zeal of the first apostles? Who wouldn't want to have the same spiritual gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, and awe?

We can. We do. We have the Holy Spirit! If you don't notice his action in your soul the way you'd like to, simply ask the Spirit to help you hear and respond better. Then just stand back and watch him work.

For Reflection

What helps increase my awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in me? Which one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit do I most need?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Sunday Offertory Collection—May 14, 2017

env—167 Total—\$3,390.50

Thank you for your continued support!

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING (PAG): To make your regular donations easier, we have an Automatic Bank Deduction Program. By authorizing a monthly deduction from your bank account, you will never again need to worry about forgetting your envelope, and your regular support of St. Andrew's will be automatic. If you wish to participate in this program, then please fill out a form located on the welcome desk and place it in the collection plate or drop it into the office.

What's Happening?

Subject to Change

NOTE not all parish events will be listed

- Mon May 22 Card Club—12:30 pm
- Wed May 24 St. Anne School Mass—9:30 am
- Wed May 24 Rosary in St. Theresa Room—6:15 pm
- Sat May 27 Confessions—4:30 pm
- Sun May 28 K of C Breakfast—10:00 am—11:00 am

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: Reminds you to print your full name and address on any envelopes with cash donations. We do not have access to



parish records so parish envelope numbers do not tell us where to send tax receipts. We thank you for your donations for those in need. Last month we served 10 homes with food and store vouchers, and donated two composters to the Life Resource Centre on Huron Street which helps people in our parish area to grow their own food.

SUMMER CAMP: Come and join us from July 10-14 on a "Journey With Noah & His Friends". Arts, crafts, games, songs. Registration forms are available in the parish office or on weekends at the welcome desk. There are limited spots available, so don't wait to sign up.



Those Who Minister To Us At This Sunday Liturgy . . .

5:00 MASS:

Welcome Desk: MA Ormseth

Readers: J Crasto, AM Parsons

Gift Bearers: Ushers

Communion Ministers: Barb DeGaust, Mary Ann Ormseth, Jeanetta Asberg, Anna Vandendries-Barr, Ann-Marie Parsons, Irwin & Lorraine Britto

9:00 MASS:

Welcome Desk: Anna Paul

Readers: C Bontje, M Karlinski

Gift Bearers: Ushers

Communion Ministers: Jo Ann & Steve Pfaff, Chau Pham, Tuyet Nguyen, Paul Campbell, Veronica D'Souza, Angela Puklicz

11:00 MASS:

Welcome Desk: Verna Goodbrand

Readers: R Rickman, S Rashmawi

Gift Bearers: Ushers

Communion Ministers: Jane & Dennis Major, Joan Wolfe, John & Maureen Littleton, Neil Jacobs, Elise McDonald

Nano Thought for Reflection

People say that there is
No 'SORRY' and No 'THANKS'
in a relationship!
But experience says
that these two words
always SAVE the relation.

...Fr. Jai

Sunday, May 21, 2017—The Sixth Sunday of Easter



ST. PETER'S SEMINARY

Mass Intentions & Times May 21-27	
Sun. May 21 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.	<i>Ints. of the Parishioners of St. Andrew the Apostle</i>
Mon. May 22 8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of Puklicz Family requested Family
Tue. May 23 8:00 a.m.	Jack Bannon requested by Agunes Gaffney Anna Chuc Le requested by Group CBM Monica
Wed. May 24 8:00 a.m.	Maleena Mahasinun requested by Bounpheng Visourath
Thu. May 25 8:00 a.m.	Nam Nguyen Family requested by Group CBM Monica
Fri. May 26 8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Father Jaison Tellis requested by N.N. Thao Lai Family Group CBM Monica
Sat. May 27 5:00 p.m.	Intentions of the Woodhouse Children requested by John & Wanda Woodhouse Maria & Jim Medeiros requested by Family Theresa Nguyen Thi Nham requested by C.D. Giovanni & Giuseppina Trivilino requested by Maria Trivilino & Family

Our Parishes and Our Seminary: Stronger Together: This weekend marks the Annual Parish Appeal for St. Peter's Seminary. Starting this year, and for the next three years, parishioners of the Diocese of London will be asked respond with special generosity. The funds raised will support both the operational needs of the Seminary, as in previous years, and the much-needed refurbishment of the Seminary building. Bishop Fabbro reminds us of the importance of the Seminary to the vitality of our parishes now and in the future. Please read the Appeal brochure to discover how improving the Seminary will benefit us all.

Walk 4 LIFE on Saturday, June 10th: —Our Annual Walk 4 LIFE will be held on Saturday, June 10th at St. Mary's Choir School on the corner of Lyle and York Street in London. The day starts with Mass at 8:30 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 345 Lyle Street followed by registration at 9:15 am. Musical entertainment and snacks for the whole family finish off the morning and we finish around 12:30 or 1:00 pm. Please join us as. Volunteers are the lifeblood of any charitable organization. God bless all those who make the Walk 4 Life a success!

SUMMER TIME IS COMING: Many of our parishioners will be away off and on through the summer; the parish expenses of course continue regardless of that. With this in mind please consider joining the Pre-Authorized Donation Program instead of using offertory envelopes or loose cash. Your financial support through the Pre-Authorized Donation Program enables the parish to continue its day to day operations when you are here and when you are away. Please pick up your Pre-Authorized Donation Form for monthly offertory contributions in the church lobby. **Thank you** for your support! - *Parish Challenge Committee re: 'Grow the Weekly Offertory Contributions'*

50th REUNION: Former members of the **St. Andrew the Apostle Folk Choir (London)** are gathering for a 50th Reunion, September 2nd & 3rd, 2017. Please spread the word. Let us know if you will be coming. Email standrewsfoldchoir50th@gmail.com or phone Peter at 519-913-1921.

Social Media Basics: From the Family and Youth Ministry Outreach Office: Social Media Basics is a workshop for parish teams and volunteers to learn effective ways to use Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms in parish ministry. Takes place **Monday, June 5, 6:30-8:30 pm** at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Chatham, fee is \$25. Register at dol.ca/workshops.

Martha-Mary Gathering: Taking place on **Saturday, May 27, 11am - 3pm** at the Rosary Shrine, Merlin, Ontario. **Intended for women in discernment 16 years and older.** Combining prayer and hospitality like the two close friends of Jesus, to give young women an opportunity to meet Sisters in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. It is a time to learn more about Sisters from different Religious Communities and their lives, or just to get to know them as friends. Over 10 different religious orders, congregations and societies will be present!



CWL Corner: CWL would like to welcome all ladies of the Parish to our annual end of year supper at Swiss Chalet across from Masonville on **Monday, June 12th @ 6:00pm**. Please call Marie at 519-439-9290 by Friday, June 9th to confirm your attendance. Kindly bring along a donation of toiletries for the NOVANO (Women's Community House). *This is a great way for our ladies to get to know one another better & enjoy an evening of fellowship.*



Knights of Columbus: Next Sunday, May 28th the **Parish Breakfast** cooked by the K of C from 10-11 am. Join us in the parish hall for a delicious hot breakfast. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

9 o'clock Folk Choir is looking for a piano player. If you are interested then please contact Miriam at mrallistone@yahoo.ca



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